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RULES

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the purpose of Intermediate Education in Ireland.

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RULES FOR APPLICATION OF PROPOSED GRANT OF FIFTY THOUSAND POUNDS FOR THE PURPOSES OF INTERMEDIATE EDUCATION IN IRELAND.

I. The Intermediate Education Board for Ireland may, at their discretion, apply in any year a sum of money out of the above Grant not exceeding £2,000 for the purpose of the establishment of courses of instruction for teachers in the various subjects of the Board's curriculum and for defraying all incidental expenses in connection with them, or for the purpose of providing travelling instructors in certain subjects.

II. The Board may, at their discretion, apply in any year a sum of money not exceeding £5,000 for the purpose of making advances upon approved security to managers of schools to be expended on the provision of new buildings, the extension or alteration of existing ones, the equipment of the school, the establishment and equipment of school libraries and similar purposes.

Should the Board think fit they may devote a portion of the said sum of £5,000 to aid in the establishment and upkeep of schools in localities where the circumstances are such as, in the opinion of the Board, render this desirable.

An advance, as and when repaid to the Board (together with the interest thereon), shall be treated as an augmentation of the grant and be applied as part thereof accordingly.

III. All of the grant not expended under rules I. and II. shall be distributed in each year as follows:—

- (a) A capitation grant shall be paid to managers of schools complying with the conditions set out below in respect of all pupils between the ages of 12 and 19 who shall have made 100 attendances while between those ages during the educational year.
- (b) This grant for all pupils over the age of sixteen on the 1st day of June of the educational year shall be double that for pupils below that age.

IV. The following conditions shall be required:—

- (a) The school shall be recognised by the Board.
- (b) The Board shall satisfy themselves that the buildings and equipment of the school, and the teaching given therein, are satisfactory.

- (c) Except as provided below, for each complete 40 pupils upon whom the capitation grant is payable and for each 20 or more such pupils in excess of a multiple of 40 there shall be employed in the school at least one teacher recognised by the Board, such teacher to be in receipt of a salary of at least £20 per annum more than the minimum stated for a "duly qualified teacher" in the rules governing the Teachers' Salaries Grant (1915) and to have the security of tenure required for a duly qualified teacher in those rules.
- (d) Where a school has certain teachers satisfying the above conditions, but not a sufficient number, the capitation grant shall be reduced so as to be in proportion to the number of such teachers, and similarly where the number of such teachers is in excess of the number required by the conditions the grant shall be increased so as to be in proportion to the number of such teachers.
- (e) In the case of schools with less than 40 pupils in localities where, in the opinion of the Board, a really useful purpose is served by such schools, the Board may, if they think fit, pay the capitation grant even if condition (c) is not satisfied provided that the Board shall be satisfied on presentation of the accounts of the school that a satisfactory proportion of the income of the school is paid to those actually engaged in the teaching of the pupils.

V. In cases where, in the opinion of the Board, the buildings, equipment or teaching, or any one of them are not satisfactory, the Board shall have power to reduce the capitation grant or to withhold it altogether.

VI. The restrictions imposed by Section 7 of the Intermediate Education (Ireland) Act, 1878, and by the proviso to sub-section (4) of Section 5 of that Act, shall apply to payments under these Rules in like manner as they apply to payments under that Act.

VII. So far as respects the application of the grant in the financial year 1917-18, the foregoing rules shall have effect with the following modifications, viz. :—

- (a) All the schools which receive grants from the ordinary funds of the Board in respect of the educational year 1916-17 shall be provisionally taken as being recognised by the Board,
- (b) On or before a date to be fixed by the Board, the manager of each school desiring to participate in the new grant shall make a return, in such form as may be prescribed by the Board, of the number and names of the teachers to whom he intends and promises to pay during the year ending

31st July, 1918, a salary equal to that specified in Rule IV. (c), and to whom he shall have given security of tenure as specified in that rule. The grant shall then be distributed in the manner specified in the foregoing rules on the supposition that these are the numbers of the recognised teachers in the schools. The number of pupils upon whom capitation grant shall be paid shall be the number between the ages of 12 and 19 years who made 100 attendances while between those ages during the educational year 1916-17.

- (c) On or before the 1st day of October, 1918, the manager of each school participating in the grant shall furnish to the Board, in such form as the Board may prescribe, evidence that the promises made in respect of the salary and security of tenure of the teachers have been carried into effect.

Should the manager of a school refuse to furnish the Board with such evidence or fail to do so, the Board may, should they think fit, refuse to recognise the school for the purpose of the grant at the next distribution, or reduce the amount of the grant payable by such percentage as they may think fit.

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